would have all powers as to appeals, districts, and the appointment of surveyors in and for the city and liberties of Westminster which the Sessions for Westminster might have exercised had not their Sessions been discontinued by the 11th section of the Middlesex Act;" and as no practical question need at present arise on that matter, since no variations, or new districts, or appointments of new surveyors are immediately occurring in the city or liberties of Westminster, your Committee proceed to advert successively to the following topics referred to them by the Court:—being

1. The existing districts under the former Building-Act, and the propriety of variations in them.

2. The districts into which the new enlarged area, within the county of Middlesex, should be distributed.

3. The measures to be now taken by the Court for carrying the Act into effect. And,

4. The standing orders as to district surveyors which it might be expedient for the Court forthwith to adopt.

As to all these subjects your Committee may generally state, that, dependent as all their recommendations must eventually be on the opinions and concurrence of the high official authorities invested by the Act with a controlling power, they deemed it expedient, after collecting needful information from all accessible sources, to communicate with the Right Honourable the Earl of Lincoln, and, by his suggestion, with the official referees and the Registrar of Buildings; and that your Committee, acknowledging the most prompt and courteous attention from them, have the satisfaction to apprise the Court that they have reason to believe that their suggestions are perfectly approved, and that no difficulties in the way of the accomplishment will arise.

As to the First Topic, or the Existing Districts.—Your Committee present you a statement, which, from official returns and parliamentary papers, they have been able to prepare, and which will supply information that it will obviously be desirable to possess and preserve.

EXISTING DISTRICTS.

MIDDLESEX AND WESTMINSTER.—NOT AT PRESENT TO BE VARIED.

DISTRICT.	Surveyor, and Date of Appointment.	Number of Houses.	Income in 1843. £ s. d.	Whether Emoluments be in a declining, stationary, or progressive State.
St. Mary, Stratford-le-Bow; All Saints, Poplar	J. H. Good, November 1, 1838	4,285	236 14 0	Declining.
St. George-in-the-East; St. Botolph without Aldgate	Henry Flower, November 10, 1836	about 7,000	210 17 0	Progressive.
St. John, Wapping; St. Anne, Limehouse; St. Catherine; Ratcliff	Edmund Woodthorpe, July 11, 1839	3,447	112 11 0	Declining.
Mile-End, Old Town	John Davies, July 11, 1839	8,200	363 14 0	Progressive.
St. John, Hackney	Thomas H. Wyatt, April 12, 1839	7,294	372 15 9	Progressive.
St. Matthew, Bethnal-green	Edward N. Clifton, April 18, 1844	13,500	122 5 2	Declining, but probably will improve.
Mile-End, New Town; Christ Church and Shadwell	Charles Hamor Hill, January 16, 1817	5,253	53 5 0	Declining.
Whitechapel	William Grellier, November 1, 1838	4,661	108 18 0	Declining.
St. Leonard, Shoreditch; Norton Folgate	Matthew Wharton, July 15, 1802	14,409	541 18 6	Declining.
St. Luke's, Old-street; Glass-house-yard	Rich. C. Carpenter, April 4, 1837	6,608	83 1 0	Stationary.
St. Mary, Islington, and St. Sepulchre Without	George Edwards, July 15, 1802	8,750	556 0 0	Progressive.
Clerkenwell	Robert Sibley, April 16, 1929	7,000	276 11 0	Declining.
Saffron-hill Liberty; St. Clement Danes; St. Mary-le-Strand, and The Savoy (Middlesex.)	Samuel Angell, April 14, 1831	1,491	69 1 0	Stationary.
St. George the Martyr; St. Andrew, Holborn, above Bars; Liberty of the Rolls	George Legg, January 18, 1844	2,943	44 0 0	Declining.
St. Giles-in-the-Fields; St. George, Bloomsbury	George Pownall, January 16, 1840	4,857	160 15 0	Declining.
St. Pancras	Henry Baker, July 7, 1825	15,000	1,104 0 0	Progressive.
St. Mary-le-Bone	John White, July 2, 1807	14,280	943 6 0	Progressive.
Paddington	George Gutch, May 12, 1825	3,746	752 17 0	Progressive.
St. Luke, Chelsea	Samuel Beachcroft, May 12, 1825	about 6,000	363 7 6	Progressive.
St. Margaret and St. John, Westminster	William Pilkington, July 1, 1784	5,618	168 15 0	Declining.
St. Martin-in-the-Fields; St. Anne, Westminster	Henry Ed. Kendall, April 15, 1823	3,933	170 4 0	Stationary.
St. George, Hanover-square	Edward M. Foxhall, November 3, 1827	7,567	Average 650 0 0	
St. James	James Gray Mayhew, November 1, 1823	3,774	172 10 0	Declining.
St. Paul, Covent-garden; St. Clement Danes, and St. Mary-le-Strand, Westminster	Edward C. Hakewell, January, 1843	1,823	In 1838 it was stated to average 100 0 0	

With respect to these districts, your Committee, after much and anxious inquiry and consideration, cannot recommend any *immediate* alteration. No public convenience would result adequate to the individual injury that would be inflicted by a diminution of emoluments and districts on the present surveyors—who by the Act are continued; and especially as the provisions of the Act which enable the official referees to appoint assistants where needful will induce punctuality and exertion, and careful fulfilment of duty by the present surveyors; while the increased powers of the Court to fine or dismiss surveyors will also secure all parties affected by their conduct from any causes for well-founded complaint.

But though your Committee do not advise any immediate interference in the subsisting districts, they would unhesitatingly suggest the following alterations as vacancies occur by removal or death.

To divide each of the under-named parishes into two districts, viz. Islington, St. Marylebone, Paddington, St. Pancras.

To separate the parish of St. Sepulchre Without from Islington, and add it to the district of Saffron-hill, Liberty, St. Clement Danes, St. Mary-le-Strand, and the Savoy. And

To separate the parish of Shadwell from Spitalfields and Mile-End New Town, and add it to the district of St. Catharine's, Wapping, Ratcliff, and Limehouse.

The extent of the four parishes enumerated, and the information collected respecting them, induce your Committee to recommend the division of each of them into two districts, the limits of which can be determined by the Court when a vacancy shall occur; and as Clerkenwell intervenes between Islington and St. Sepulchre Without, and Whitechapel and St. George's-in-the-East between Spitalfields and Mile-End New Town and Shadwell, your Committee presume that the propriety of the alteration proposed can admit of no doubt.

As to the Second Topic, or the New Districts Proposed.—Your Committee feel sanctioned by the universal concurrence of those who have long and professionally considered the subject, and submit to the Court the adoption of the parochial system, or the establishment of each parish into a separate district, as most intelligible and generally convenient. In the case of Kensington only would they deviate from that practice; and the peculiar localities of that extended parish, now rapidly increasing on the northern and southern extremities, and which may readily be divided into *north* and *south* districts by the Great Western-road, thus effecting a nearly equal division with regard to the actual duties and prospective improvements, your Committee trust will induce the Court to approve that deviation from the general rule. And for their information as to the new districts they would introduce a table, which careful investigation has enabled them to supply.

PROPOSED NEW DISTRICTS.

All on the Parochial System, except as to Kensington: that to be divided by the Great Western-road into two districts—North and South Kensington.

Names of Districts.	Number of Houses.	As to probable Increase of Buildings.
Fulham	600	About thirty houses now in progress of building.
Hammersmith	2503	There will be a greater number of houses erected in the three next years than there were in the three last years.
Kensington { North	1843	The number of houses will be increased very considerably in both districts, and especially in the North.
Kensington { South	2601	
Hampstead	1434	There will shortly be an increase in the number of houses.
Hornsey	924	On the Eastern side, near Newington-green, new houses are likely to increase; as to the other parts of the parish, there is no probability that buildings will much increase, which may arise from the property being copyhold.
Tottenham	1519	There is a quantity of ground to let on building leases in eligible situations.
Stoke Newington	705	The number of new houses likely to be built may be fairly averaged by those of the three last years, which have averaged ten a year; but, though that district appears small, there are four candidates for that appointment.
Bromley	1135	The new houses likely to be built by this time next year, including those now building, may amount to 100.

Kensington should comprehend that part of Chelsea which is north of Kensington; also, a portion of St. Margaret, Westminster, which is detached from that parish, and nearly surrounded by Kensington.

Hornsey should comprehend an outlying portion of Clerkenwell at Muswell-hill, and abutting on the Coney-hatch-road.

And all, according to the Act, to include all places attached to each district lying within 200 yards of the exterior boundary of the whole area pointed out in the Metropolitan Building-Act.

As to the Third Topic, or the Measures to be now taken by the Court for carrying the Act into effect.—Your Committee would suggest, that, on the *county day* of the *present* Quarter Sessions (October 17), the Court may *appoint the new districts* before enumerated, and also order that *the election of a surveyor to each of such districts* shall take place on *November the 28th*, being the *county day of the Middlesex General Sessions of the Peace*, and which, as being the second Sessions in November (under sect. 2 of the Middlesex Act), would have the power of Quarter Sessions, at which surveyors are to be appointed. Your Committee presume that it will be understood that all the elections will take place on that day, and that all the justices may vote for each district separately, and for any qualified person who shall have conformed to the rules of the Court, and who shall have declared himself a candidate for such separate district. By the adoption of such course, the districts

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